CE NEWS



Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

New Continuing Education (CE) Grant Reimbursement Requirement

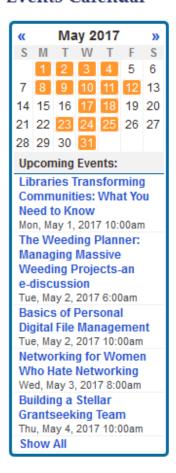
Not every Alaska librarian or library staff member has the opportunity to attend a library conference. In fact, some library staff will never experience the thrill of attending an Alaska Library Conference, or one of the regional or larger national library conferences held around the county, during their entire library career. Not only will they miss learning about new trends taking place in the library field, they will have limited occasions to meet and network with other librarians, or experience the affirming feeling of validation that happens when you are learning alongside your peers.

The Alaska State Library has instituted a new CE grant requirement that we believe will help disperse the learning that occurs during conferences. If you have been awarded a CE grant, you are now required to write a short (up to 250 word) Newspoke article about your conference attendance to share what you have learned with the larger library community. We hope this requirement will provide you with an opportunity to stop and reflect back on your conference experience and personally apply what you have learned.

When you are attend a conference or workshop, you may want to take notes, a few photos and pick up any distributed resource guides or handouts. This information will be useful when you are back home and trying to recall the name of a particular workshop or presenter. Additionally, you may want to write your Newspoke article shortly after you return home while impressions of the conference are still fresh in your mind.

When writing your article, consider focusing on a specific workshop or a conference speaker that you feel were particularly noteworthy. Alternatively, you may want to write an article that describes an "aha moment", a big idea or a conference theme that resonated with you. Whatever you decide to write, we hope the process of writing and sharing your conference experience enriches you, as well as the larger library community.

Events Calendar



Training Calendar



Using Data to Tell Your Library's Story: Three Cities Tour

May 8, 2017 in Juneau

May 10, 2017 Anchorage

May 12, 2017 Fairbanks

During these workshops participants will:

- Be able to conduct standard types of public library analysis
- Increased skills and confidence in using data for strategic planning, management and communication
- Be able to visually present data that tells a powerful story